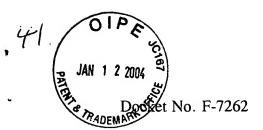
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 7, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: